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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ARRESTS

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1. SUMMARY. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES DURING PAST MONTH HAVE
ROUNDED UP OVER 100 ADDITIONAL TERRORIST SUSPECTS IN SEVERAL
WEST BANK AREAS, INCLUDING BETHLEHEM, JENIN, AND
NABLUS. RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY MINOR AND
SMALL IN NUMBER, PROBABLY DUE LARGELY TO CONTINUING CARACK-
DOWN BY SECURITY FORCES. END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES REPORTED AUG. '3 ARREST OF "SEVERAL"
TERRORIST SUSPECTS IN BETHLEHEM AREA, ALLEGED TO BE MEM-
BERS OF CELL CONNECTED WITH JABRIL'S PFLP GENERAL COMMAND.
ON SEPT 3 SECURITY FORCES ANNOUNCED RECENT DISCOVERY OF
TWO FATAH TERRORIST NETWORKS OPERATING IN JENIN AND NEARBY
VILLAGE. SOME OF 13 ARRESTED WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING
HAD TRAINING IN DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT IN FABRICATION OF
SABOTAGE DEVICES. THIRTY-ONE ADDITIONAL ARRESTS OF
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WEST BANKERS WERE ANNOUNCED SEPT 23. THESE WERE SAID

TO BE CONNECTED WITH FATAH, PFLP AND POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT. SEPT 29 PRESS REPORTED RECENT ARREST OF 55 ALLEGED MEMBERS OF SAIQA WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE OPERATED TERRORIST CELLS IN WEST BANK AND GAZA. LEADER OF GROUP ALLEGED TO BE A NABLUS LAWYER, FARID GHANEM.

3. THOSE ARRESTED ARE ACCUSED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUMBER OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING PAST FEW MONTHS IN JERUSALEM, WEST BANK AND ISRAEL. MOST INVOLVED SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.

4. NUMBER OF INCIDENTS REPORTED RECENTLY HAS BEEN SMALL. SMALL PIPE BOMB WAS DISCOVERED NEAR JAFFA GATE OF JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY SEPT 28 AND SAFELY DISMANTLED. THIS WAS ONLY INCIDENT IN CITY SINCE SIMILAR DEVICE DISCOVERED HIDDEN IN PAPER BAG IN GROCERY STORE ON BETHLEHEM ROAD IN TALPIOT SECTION SEPT 12. IT WAS ALSO SAFELY DEFUSED. PRESS REPORTS SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WENT OFF SEPT 27 IN HEBRON WITHOUT CAUSING INJURY OR DAMAGE. RESIDENT OF TULKARM WAS KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN HIS HOME AUG 26. SECURITY FORCES SUSPECT HE MAY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN MAKING A BOMB.
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